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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. - 6. *cancelled*

7. (*currently amended*) A method for facilitating pre-loading information content to caches for information appliances, comprising:

creating a new scheduled pre-loading upon instruction by a user; and

storing information concerning at least one event associated with the scheduled pre-loading, wherein the information comprises at least one of:

the location of the event;

the type of the event; and

the date and time when the event takes place; and

deleting an existing scheduled pre-loading upon instruction by the user, wherein the deleting comprises the steps of:

receiving a request to delete a scheduled pre-loading, wherein the request is associated with an event;

retrieving a network address of a proxy server and a transaction identifier unique to the scheduled pre-loading;

transmitting a request to delete the scheduled pre-loading to the proxy server, wherein the request contains the transaction identifier; and

deleting the network address of the proxy server and the transaction identifier.

8. - 9. *cancelled*

10. (*currently amended*) The method of claim 9 7 further comprising:

retrieving a network address of a temporary proxy server if the destination associated with the event was not specified when the pre-loading was scheduled.

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11. *(original)* The method of claim 7, wherein the creating step further comprises:

receiving a request to create a scheduled pre-loading, wherein the request is associated with an event;

receiving a network address of a proxy server, wherein the proxy server contains a cache associated with a second information appliance associated with the event;

transmitting a request to pre-load the information content to the proxy server;

receiving an acknowledging message from the proxy server, wherein the message contains a transaction identifier unique to the request; and

storing the network address of the proxy server and the transaction identifier in association with the event.

12. *(original)* The method of claim 11, further comprising:

receiving a network address of a temporary proxy server if the destination associated with the event has not yet been specified.

13. *(original)* The method of claim 11, wherein a storage means for a plurality of proxy directories contains a plurality of proxy addresses associated with a plurality of locations where the pre-loaded information content can be used.

14. *(original)* The method of claim 13, wherein the plurality of locations where the pre-loaded information content can be used comprises at least one of the following:

an aircraft;

a hotel;

a rental car;

a location within a university;

an internet service provider; and

an automobile.

15. *(original)* The method of claim 14, wherein the proxy directory for the aircraft comprises:

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name of an airline;
a flight number;
a departure date and time associated with the flight number; and
the associated proxy address.

16. *(original)* The method of claim 14, wherein the proxy directory for the hotel comprises:

name of a hotel;
an identifier uniquely associated with a reservation made by a user; and
the associated proxy address.

17. *(original)* The method of claim 14, wherein the proxy directory for the rental car comprises:

an identifier uniquely associated with a reservation for the rental car made by a user; and
the associated proxy address.

18. *(original)* The method of claim 14, wherein the proxy directory for the location within a university comprises:

a name of a university;
a name of a building within the university;
a room number within the building; and
the associated proxy address.

19. *(original)* The method of claim 14, wherein the proxy directory for the internet service provider comprises:

an indicator identifying the user subscribed to the internet service provider; and
the associated proxy address.

20. *(original)* The method of claim 14, wherein the proxy directory for the automobile comprises:

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an identifier uniquely associated with the automobile; and
the associated proxy address.

21. *(currently amended)* A method for facilitating pre-loading information content to caches for information appliances, comprising:
processing a request to create a new scheduled pre-loading; ~~and~~
executing one or more pre-loadings according to a scheduled table; ~~and~~
processing a request to delete an existing scheduled pre-loading by
receiving a request to delete a pre-loading, the request containing a unique
identifier associated with the pre-loading;
reading the scheduled table to identify an entry with a matching unique
identifier;
deleting the identified entry from the scheduled table; and
transmitting an acknowledgement to the requestor.

22. - 24. *cancelled*

25. *(currently amended)* The method according to claim 21, wherein processing the request to create a new scheduled pre-loading further comprises:
receiving a request to recreate a pre-loading;
generating a unique identifier associated with the request for pre-loading;
adding the request to the scheduled table; and
transmitting the unique identifier associated with the request for pre-loading and a proxy address where the pre-loading takes place to the requestor.

26. *(original)* The method according to claim 21, wherein executing one or more pre-loadings according to a scheduled table comprises:
idling for a predetermined period of time;
setting a counter equal to number of entries in the scheduled table;
reading an entry in the scheduled table at a position equal to the counter; and
reading the indication for status of pre-loading.

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27. *(original)* The method according to claim 26, wherein if the indication shows that pre-loading has not started, executing one or more pre-loadings according to a scheduled table further comprises:

- reading the time duration for the information content to be pre-loaded to determine that it is after the current time;
- pre-loading the information content;
- setting the indication for status of pre-loading to pre-load completed;
- decrementing the counter;
- reading the counter, wherein if the counter reads less than zero, then returning to idle for a predetermined period of time, and if the counter does not read less than zero, then returning to reading an entry in the scheduled table at a position equal to the counter.

28. *(original)* The method of claim 27, wherein if the time duration for the information content to be pre-loaded is determined to be after the current tie, then immediately decrement the counter.

29. *(original)* The method of claim 21, further comprising a method for generating financial charges for pre-loading information content, comprising:

- monitoring activities of a plurality of proxy servers; and
- generating billing to a user depending on the activities.

30. - 35. *cancelled*

36. *(currently amended)* A method for facilitating pre-loading information content to caches for information appliances, comprising:

- creating a new scheduled pre-loading if instructed by a user, wherein the creating step comprises:

- receiving a request to create a scheduled pre-loading, wherein the request is associated with an event;

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receiving a network address of the information content from a first information appliance;

receiving a network address of a proxy server, wherein the proxy server contains a cache associated with a second information appliance associated with the event;

transmitting a request to pre-load the information content to the proxy server;

receiving an acknowledging message from the proxy server, wherein the message contains a transaction identifier unique to the request; and

storing the network address of the proxy server and the transaction identifier in association with the event; and

deleting an existing scheduled pre-loading if instructed by the user, wherein the deleting step comprises:

receiving a request to delete a scheduled pre-loading, wherein the request is associated with an event;

retrieving a network address of a proxy server and a transaction identifier unique to the scheduled pre-loading;

transmitting a request to delete the scheduled pre-loading to the proxy server, wherein the request contains the transaction identifier; and

deleting the network address of the proxy server and the transaction identifier.

37. *cancelled*

38. *(currently amended)* The method of claim 36 37, wherein the deleting step further comprises:

retrieving a network address of a temporary proxy server if the destination associated with the event was not specified when the pre-loading was scheduled.

39. *(original)* The method according to claim 36, further comprising:

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storing information concerning at least one event associated with the scheduled pre-loading, wherein the information comprises at least one of:

- the location of the event;
- the type of the event; and
- the date and time when the event takes place.

40. *(original)* The method of claim 36, wherein the creating step further comprises:

receiving a network address of a temporary proxy server if the destination associated with the event has not yet been specified.

41. *(original)* The method of claim 36, wherein a storage means for a plurality of proxy directories contains a plurality of proxy addresses associated with a plurality of locations where the pre-loaded information can be used.

42. *(original)* The method of claim 41, wherein the plurality of locations where the pre-loaded information content can be used comprises at least one of the following:

- an aircraft;
- a hotel;
- a rental car;
- a location within a university;
- an internet service provider; and
- an automobile.

43. *(original)* The method of claim 42, wherein the proxy directory for the aircraft comprises:

- name of an airline;
- a flight number;
- a departure date and time associated with the flight number; and
- the associated proxy address.

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44. *(original)* The method of claim 42, wherein the proxy directory for the hotel comprises:

- name of a hotel;
- an identifier uniquely associated with a reservation made by a user; and
- the associated proxy address.

45. *(original)* The method of claim 42, wherein the proxy directory for the rental car company comprises:

- an identifier uniquely associated with a reservation for the rental car made by a user; and
- the associated proxy address.

46. *(original)* The method of claim 42, wherein the proxy directory for the location within a university comprises:

- name of a university;
- name of a building within the university;
- a room number within the building; and
- the associated proxy address.

47. *(original)* The method of claim 42, wherein the proxy directory for the internet server provider comprises:

- an indicator identifying that the user is a subscriber of the internet service provider; and
- the associated proxy address.

48. *(original)* The method of claim 42, wherein the proxy directory for the automobile comprises:

- an identifier uniquely associated with the automobile; and
- the associated proxy address.

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49. *(currently amended)* A method for facilitating pre-loading information content to caches for information appliances, comprising:

processing a request to create a new scheduled pre-loading, comprising:

receiving a request to create a pre-loading;

generating a unique identifier associated with the request for pre-loading;

adding the request to the scheduled table; and

transmitting the unique identifier associated with the request for pre-loading and a proxy address where the pre-loading takes place to the requestor; and

processing a request to delete an existing scheduled pre-loading, comprising:

receiving a request to delete a pre-loading, the request containing a unique identifier associated with the pre-loading;

reading the scheduled table to identify an entry with a matching unique

identifier;

deleting the identified entry from the scheduled table; and

transmitting an acknowledgement to the requestor; and

executing one or more pre-loads according to a scheduled table.

50. *cancelled*

51. *(original)* The method according to claim 49, wherein the scheduled table comprises:

a unique identifier associated with the pre-loading;

an indicator identifying the user who made the request for the pre-loading;

an address of the information content;

a starting position for pre-loading in the information content;

the time duration for the information content to be pre-loaded; and

an indication for status of pre-loading, comprising at least one of the following

indicators:

pre-loading not started;

pre-loading in progress; and

pre-loading completed.

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52. *(original)* The method according to claim 49, wherein executing one or more pre-loads according to a scheduled table comprises:

- idling for a predetermined amount of time;
- setting a counter to equal to a number of entries in the scheduled table;
- reading an entry in the scheduled table at a position equal to the counter; and
- reading the indication for status of pre-loading.

53. *(original)* The method according to claim 52, wherein if the indication shows that pre-loading has not started, executing one or more pre-loadings according to a scheduled table further comprises:

- reading the time duration for the information content to be pre-loaded to determine that it is after the current time;
- pre-loading the information content;
- setting the indication for status of pre-loading to pre-load completed;
- decrementing the counter;
- reading the counter, wherein if the counter reads less than zero, then returning to idle for a predetermined period of time, and if the counter does not read less than zero, then returning to reading an entry in the scheduled table at a position equal to the counter.

54. *(original)* The method of claim 53, wherein if the time duration for the information content to be pre-loaded is determined to be after the current time, then immediately decrement the counter.